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The Holiday Feeling.

A wise Chinaman, who occupied an important official position in this country several years ago, when asked what custom, habit, characteristic or social phenomenon of the western civilization and world excited his greatest wonder, said that the Christmas holiday season impressed him most deeply. He had noticed among his many acquaintances, consisting of all manner of people, that at the holiday season every one gave up his selfishness, and were courteous in America, though he politely declared that there were few to the square mile—even the stingy, close, selfish people, who ordinarily gave no thought to the concerns about the happiness or comfort of others, began, as Christmas approached, to devise schemes to make other people happy.

The observation is a just one. The influence of the Christmas feeling searches out the most remote nooks and crannies of human nature in our national life and exercises a magic power of cheerfulness, of generosity, of brightness, charity, love and unselfishness. The observance of the Christmas holiday is almost universal among all kinds and conditions of men, and the ideas of amity, good feeling, cheerfulness and happiness, and especially the ideas which give rise to plans for the happiness of others, permeate the very air so thoroughly that it is impossible to escape the spirit which animates the whole population.

The Noise Nuisance.

Complaints taken up by a woman living on Riverside Drive nine days ago have finally enlisted government force to stop the all-night whistling of tugboats on the North river. It is only a few months since protests by residents in the outer metropolitan districts stopped the unnecessary night signaling of engineers on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway. These two victories are among the forerunners of what should be soon a general triumph over the steam whistle. That triumph in turn should be part of a universal crusade against unnecessary noise. Bells and whistles for factories have been out of date ever since multiplication and cheapness brought clocks to every household and watches to all men's pockets. Yet from 8,000 factories in noisy New York as many whistles still rend the air and torture the ear with their daily tollings. Detroit, Cleveland, Atlanta and other American cities have suppressed the tooting nuisance, but there is no law in New York so thoroughly ripe for squads and crusades as that of noise production.

Each Developed His Talent.

From Puck.

Hetty Green and Mark Twain have each carried out seven wishes today. Mark has a lot of friends and Hetty has a lot of money.

Wouldn't It?

From the New York Herald.

A St. Louis man wants a divorce because his wife, a Chicago girl, refuses to live in Missouri's chief city. Wouldn't this justify the wife in filing a cross suit on the ground of "fierce and unusual punishment"?

Will It?

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Washington forecasts indicate that Congress, on reassembling, will give an exhibition of frenzied statesmanship.

Such Impertinence.

From the Duluth News-Tribune.

A northwestern congressman has received notice from the Postmaster General that the Post Office Department propose to place incompetent and unsatisfactory postmasters, regardless of the wishes of congressmen. Now, what do you think of that?

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